

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims and abstract to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to adapt the claims and abstract to U.S. patent practice.

Original claims 1-15 have been amended and are currently pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by any of the above-noted amendments.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



D. Edward Dolgorukov  
Registration No. 26,266

ATTORNEYS

MARSHALL & MELHORN, LLC  
Four SeaGate - 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Phone: (419) 249-7146  
Fax: (419) 249-7151